

REMARKS

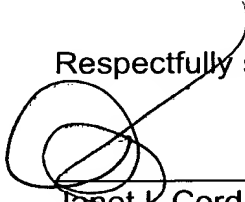
A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 19, 2004.

This response is being filed in reply to the Advisory Action. According to the Advisory Action the proposed amendment would be entered. Claim 45 has been amended to depend from claim 33. Therefore, claims 44 and 45 are not the same. It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

Applicants maintain that the claims in this application are not obvious over the claims of US Patent 6,492,330 and US patent application 09/248,382. However, to expedite prosecution attached are two terminal disclaimers. Applicants preserve all rights to present further arguments as to the non-obviousness of the claims of this application over the cited patent and application.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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